

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, a correct copy of the claims including those changes made by the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance of April 6, 2005, will be presented to ensure that the record accurately reflects the proper form of the claims in the present application.

In particular, by the present amendment, Applicant corrects several typographic or transcriptive errors that would result if the original claims were amended as indicated in the Examiner's Amendment dated April 6, 2005. In this regard, while Applicant's representative, William Pieprz, agreed to an Examiner's Amendment in a telephone interview on March 29, 2005, upon receipt of the Examiner's Amendment and review of the claims and the changes proposed thereby, it was realized that there were several typographic/transcriptive errors therein. Accordingly, the present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being submitted in order to eliminate these errors. More particularly, by the current amendment, Applicant requests correction of minor errors in claims 1, 2 and 10.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the present amendment is proper under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 since it does not require any additional search and/or examination on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Rather, the present amendment merely corrects the language and form of the claims to what they should be, based on a review of the claims.

In particular, Applicant first notes that in the Examiner's Amendment, the second reference to claim "1, line 14", should be ---claim 1, line 15---. Further, the change made by the Examiner's Amendment at claim 1, line 16, to replace "the phase

difference" with ---a phase difference--- is incorrect. In particular, the term "the" has clear and adequate antecedent basis in claim 1, at line 6.

In claims 2 and 10, the removal of the term "of" is incorrect and causes the claim to not read correctly. Accordingly, it is requested that this change as well as the above changes not be made.

Applicant further wishes to acknowledge and make of record the interview conducted with the Examiner and to respectfully thank the Examiner for his constructive and helpful suggestions made during the above-noted interview. With the exception of the above minor changes, the Examiner's Amendment provided as an attachment to the Notice of Allowance is accurate and accurately reflects the substance of the interview conducted on March 29, 2005.

Although the present amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and although amendments may not be made in an application as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant submits that entry of the herein contained amendment is appropriate to ensure that the claims conform to standard U.S. format and carry out the spirit and intent of the agreed-to Examiner's Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to exercise his discretion and indicate entry of the amendments contained herein under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. In particular, Applicant requests that the Examiner substitute the text of the herein contained claims for the text of the claims in the application so that they reflect non-changes made to claim 1, line 16, as well as to claim 2, line 4, and claim 10, line 4.

The changes introduced by the herein contained amendment do not continue the prosecution of the application after the issuance of the Notice of Allowance. Rather, these amendments merely enhance, strengthen and reinforce the patentability of the claims previously indicated to be allowable by the Examiner by eliminating minor typographic/transcriptive errors therein. Accordingly, it is submitted that these amendments are proper for entry at the present time.

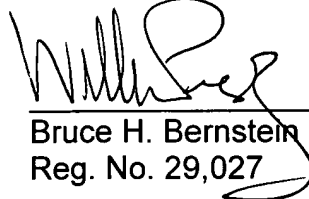
The above-noted amendments further do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner has already considered the reasons for patentability of the present application. Additionally, a complete copy of the correct text of all the claims is submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicant submits that under the criteria set forth in the MPEP the present amendment should be considered and their entry should be recommended and approved by the Primary Examiner.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments about the present response or this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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